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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : National Security Study Invitation


This conference will be held in any event. It may be held with a minimum of publicity because I think everyone will know who these fellows are and how they feel.

If you appear, one thing is certain: it will get a lot of publicity. The TV cameras will be there. You will get some sort of coverage. I don't know whether your message will get across because there may be a tendency to pick up the other guys' message.

You have obliged these fellows once. You showed you had the guts to go down and sit in the lions' den. You made points with the press but did not get a lot of coverage. I don't think a second act of bravado is needed now.


I floated these views Thursday morning at the morning meeting to what I thought was almost total agreement.

You could quite possibly come out of this smellin' like a rose as you often do, but I think your nervous energy should be expended in a form that gives you a better break.


Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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 I'm sending this around to a few good chaps.

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Mr. Robert L. Borosage
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Dear Mr. Borosage:

Thank you for your invitation of 23 September to speak at a conference on intelligence. Consistent with my belief that I must respond to public interest in this subject to the degree that security permits it, I accept your kind invitation. In view of my own position and the fact that questions undoubtedly will cover the full range of my responsibilities, I suggest that you may wish to put me toward the end of your conference in order that the questions be fairly well defined by those preceding me. I think this will be more fruitful for your purposes than just my presentation on some narrow subject. I certainly am prepared to be placed in juxtaposition with any other authorities or critics in this field whom you might wish to select.

For the details, may I ask that you contact my assistant, Mr. Angus Thuermer,

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Sincerely,

W. E. Colby
Director

